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In this March 29, 2016 file photo, Mitch Xia, left, and others march on Franklin Street to protest against N.C. House Bill 2 in Chapel Hill, N.C.

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Trump, Pence address potential of Romney, Mattis in Cabinet

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Associated Press
BEDMINSTER, N.J. (AP) —

Mitt Romney is a key contender to become the nation's next secretary of state and retired Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis was an "impressive" prospect for defense secretary, President-elect Donald Trump and his No. 2, Mike Pence, said Sunday.

"Gov. Romney is under active and serious consideration to serve as secretary of state of the United States," said Pence, the vice president-elect who is leading the search for Trump's cabinet members, in an interview on CBS's "Face the Nation."

On Sunday, the billionaire interrupted his tweeted criticisms of "Saturday



President-elect Donald Trump gives the thumbs-up as Mitt Romney leaves Trump National Golf Club Bedminster in Bedminster, N.J., Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016.

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Night Live," the hit musical "Hamilton," and Democrats to write that, "General James 'Mad Dog' Mattis, who is being considered for secretary of defense, was

very impressive yesterday.

A true General's General!"
The comments were indications that Trump is looking outside his immediate circle as he works toward

rounding out his foreign policy and national security teams. On Friday, he named a loyalist, ret. Gen. Michael Flynn, as his national security adviser. Trump told reporters Sunday that one of his most loyal and public allies, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, was also a prospect for secretary of state "and other things." Giuliani at one point had been considered for attorney general, but Trump gave that job to Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama.

Romney, the former Massachusetts governor and 2012 GOP presidential contender, and Trump exchanged bitter insults during the campaign, and Mattis has not been considered a Trump confidante. The appointment of more establishment figures could offer some reassurance to lawmakers and others concerned about Trump's hard-line positions on immigration and national security and his lack of foreign policy experience.

But even as Trump and his team discussed pressing issues facing the country and how to staff the incoming administration, the president-elect's Twitter feed suggested other issues too were on his mind. His targets Sunday included retiring Democratic Leader Harry Reid. Trump tweeted that incoming Senate Democratic Leader Charles Schumer, another media-savvy New Yorker, was "far smarter" than Reid and "has the ability to get things done." Trump also complained that "Saturday Night Live," which thrives on making fun of politicians, is "biased" and not funny. The night before, actor Alec Baldwin portrayed Trump as Googling, "What is ISIS?"

Trump also insisted again that the cast and productors of "Hamilton" should apologize after the lead actor addressed Pence from the stage Friday night, telling the vice president-elect that "diverse America" was "alarmed and anxious" about the incoming administration. Pence said on CBS's "Face the

Nation" that he enjoyed the show and wasn't offended.

Meanwhile, Trump received more visitors to his golf club in New Jersey Sunday. Besides Giuliani, Trump met with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, his former transition chairman who was replaced by Pence after the election.

Trump's transition team said former Texas governor and GOP presidential rival Rick Perry was expected to meet with Trump on Monday. The businessman and president-elect also apparently was considering prospects to lead the Commerce Department, meeting with billionaire investor Wilbur Ross.

"Time will tell," Ross told reporters when asked if he wanted to the post.

Trump also was making plans for transitioning his family. He told reporters Sunday that his wife, Melania, and their 10-year-old son, Barron, would move to Washington when the school year ends.

Both Romney and Trump put on a show of smiles, a public handshake and a thumbs-up Saturday, a marked shift in tone after a year in which Romney attacked Trump as a "con man" and Trump labeled him a "loser." But the two have started to mend fences since Trump's victory over Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Trump started filling key administration positions on Friday, picking Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions for attorney general and Kansas Rep. Mike Pompeo to head the CIA, signaling a sharp rightward shift in U.S. security policy as he begins to form his Cabinet. Trump also named retired Lt. Gen Michael Flynn as his national security adviser.

Trump's initial decisions suggest a more aggressive military involvement in counterterror strategy and a greater emphasis on Islam's role in stoking extremism. Sessions, who is best known for his hard line immigration views, has questioned whether terrorist suspects should benefit from the rights available in U.S. courts.



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GOP sweep heightens anxiety for many transgender Americans

DAVID CRARY AP National Writer **NEW YORK (AP)** — Anxiety

is high among many transgender Americans after the sweeping Republican election victory. They fear stronger resistance to their push for civil-rights protections, including broader access to public restrooms, and wonder if their newly won right to serve openly in the military is in jeopardy. Transgender people "are concerned for their safety, survival and legal rights in the coming years," said Chase Strangio, an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union who often works on transgender issues.

Among the specific concerns:

 Many transgender people expect that Republican President-elect Donald Trump's administration will abandon or weaken efforts by President Barack Obama's administration to enable transgender students to use the bathrooms of their choice at public schools. Republican officials in numerous states have opposed that campaign, saying schools should not be required to let such students use bathrooms or locker rooms based on their gender identity.

 There are fears that more GOP-governed states will approve legislation limiting. transgender rights and will reject proposals to expand such rights.

 There's uncertainty about the Pentagon's recently adopted policy of allowing transgender people to serve openly in the military. Some conservative groups, including the Family Research Council and the Center for Military Readiness, have suggested a reversal of the policy. So has GOP Rep. Duncan Hunter of California, who serves on the House Armed Services Committee.

"The question needs to be asked: Does this make our military more effective and more lethal?" said Hunter's chief of staff, Joe Kasper. "It's hard to see how."

Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Cen-

ter for Transgender Equality, was cautiously optimistic that the military's new policy would survive.

"I don't know if anything will happen, but we're certainly alert and ready to fight," she said. "Hopefully, good, smart people will prevail."

Keisling's organization, for example, held a call-in session Friday to provide advice to transgender people worried that changing their gender designation on federal and state identity documents might become more difficult in the new political environment.

Since his election, Trump has not publicly addressed transgender issues, though he did ease some concerns among gays and lesbians by saying that he considered same-sex marriage to be settled law. Transgender-rights activists remain wary, depicting Vice President-elect Mike Pence and some members of Trump's transition team as hostile to their causes.

Jennifer Finney Boylan, a transgender author who teaches at Barnard College in New York, said in an email that she fears conservatives will now seek to "isolate and marginalize transgender people" and make them feel separated from the broader gay rights movement.

On the state level, transgender activists have taken heart that Republican North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory, who incurred sharp criticism for signing a bill limiting transgender people's bathroom access, is trailing slightly in stillincomplete returns. Prospects for repealing the bill are uncertain, however, given continued GOP control of the legislature, and a similar bill already has been introduced in Texas.

Republican Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who is president of the state Senate, listed what he called a "Women's Privacy Act" as one of his top 10 priorities when the legislature reconvenes in January.

"A majority of Texans in both political parties and in every ethnic and demographic group believe that women and girls should have privacy and safety in their restrooms, showers and locker rooms," Patrick said. "Unfortunately, legislation is necessary to assure that they do."

Another proposed Texas bill would overturn nondiscrimination ordinances protecting LGBT people at the local level. Dallas, Austin and Fort Worth are among the cities with such protections.

Shannon Minter, a transgender man who is legal director of the San Francisco-based National Center for Lesbian Rights, said many transgender civilrights gains of recent years are based on federal statutes and court precedents that cannot be quickly undone.



in this Thursday, Aug. 11, 2016 file photo, Kim Shappley looks on as her daughter, Kai, writes in a coloring book at home in Pearland, Texas. Kai is a transgender child about to enter kindergarten. Her mother asked the local school board and district to change its bathroom policy for transgendered students. The Pearland Independent School District board listened to Shappley, but didn't alter its policy. Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who is president of the state Senate, listed what he called a "Women's Privacy Act" as one of his top 10 priorities when the legislature reconvenes in January 2017.

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In this photo taken Aug. 26, 2016, sightseeing buses and tourists are seen at a pullout popular for taking in views of North America's tallest peak, Denali, in Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska.

Associated Press

RACHEL D'ORO
Associated Press
ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)

 Among Donald Trump's many promises on his way to the White House was a

Alaskans vow pushback if Trump targets mountain's new name

tweeted vow to change the new name of North America's tallest mountain back to Mount McKinley.

The Obama administration renamed the Alaska peak Denali in a symbolic gesture to Alaska Natives ahead of the president's visit to the state last year.

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Alaskans long have informally called the mountain Denali — "the great one" in Athabascan. But the federal government recognized the name invoking the 25th president, William McKinley, who was born in Ohio and assassinated early in his second

term. McKinley never set foot in Alaska.

In his tweet, Trump called the name switch a "great insult to Ohio."

But if he indeed moves to undo it, Trump can expect pushback from Alaskans.

"We wanted that change for a long time, and now we finally have it, and we need to leave it alone," said Victor Joseph, president of Tanana Chiefs Conference, a consortium of 42 Athabascan tribes in Interior Alaska. The organization spent years advocating for what they consider the 20,310-foot peak's original name.

"It was an insult to the first people of this land when they took away the name and gave it to somebody else," Joseph said.

It's unclear at this early stage if Trump will take action. Changing the name would require a presidential executive order or an act of Congress, according to the federal board that oversees place names.

Troy Eid, chairman of the Indian Law and Order Commission and a member of Trump's transition team, said in an email Tuesday he was not in a position to comment.

The three Republicans who make up Alaska's congressional delegation either declined to comment or did not respond to requests for comment. Sen. Lisa Murkowski — who called for Trump to leave the Republican ticket after the emergence of a recording of Trump making lewd comments about women — long advocated for the

mountain's Alaska Native name and thanked President Barack Obama for embracing it.

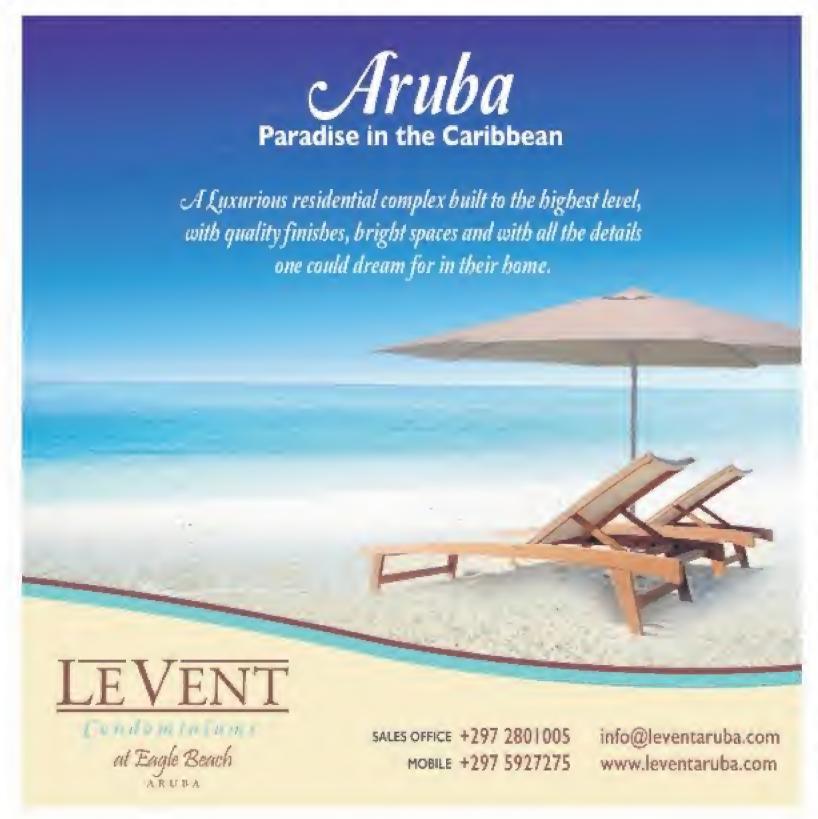
Republican Ohio Rep. Bob Gibbs slammed the name swap as Obama's "constitutional overreach," and said he would look at trying to prevent it. This week, his spokesman Dallas Gerber said Gibbs hasn't decided what legislation he'll introduce in the next Congress. Alaska had a standing request with the federal government to rename the mountain dating to 1975, when a state board adopted the Denali name.

Ohio Rep. Ralph Regula then began the tradition of filing legislation to keep the Mount McKinley name. Active legislation over the years blocked the federal U.S. Board on Geographic Names from taking up the issue.

The change came about when Interior Secretary Sally Jewell issued an order citing a 1947 law that allows her agency to replace names unilaterally when the board fails to act within a reasonable time.

Legislation seeking to maintain the Denali moniker theoretically could again stall the process, according to Lou Yost, the board's executive secretary.

Added Interior Department spokeswoman Amanda DeGroff in an email to The Associated Press: "It would be a mistake to undo something that Alaska and Alaska Natives have wanted for decades and the President and the Secretary are proud to have supported."





Ex-U.S. Rep. Schock allegedly profited off voters' DC visits

MICHAEL TARM
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) - The indictment of a 35-year-old disgraced former Republican congressman jolted residents of his central IIlinois district, shaken by prosecutors' claims that Aaron Schock illegally dipped into campaign and government coffers to subsidize a lavish lifestyle, including his Capitol Hill office done up in the style of "Downton Abbey."Perhaps more stunning was an allegation found on page 34 of the charging document: Schock's apparent willingness to pocket thousands of constituents' dollars by arranging annual Washington tours combined with meet-and-greets."I know that some people feel very hurl, angered and betrayed," said Quincy insurance agent Jack Freiburg, who attended such an event in 2014. State political observers say the alleged scheme stands out — even with Illinois' long-established reputation for corruption, including a former governor's attempt to sell President Barack Obama's U.S. Senate seat. House rules require excess fees from such visits be returned to constituents or donated to charity, according to the indictment.

"That's a new one on me," said David Melton of Illinois Campaign for Political Reform. "I have never heard of anything quite that audacious."

The three-day extravaganza attended by Freiburg and about 50 others in July 2014 included bus rides to the National Zoo and a reception at the Japanese ambassador's residence. Freiburg paid a \$785 "Flyin Conference Fee" to Schock's office — meant to cover meals, transportation and other hosting costs — on top of \$2,000 to \$3,000 for a plane ticket, hotel room and other expenses.

Schock, the once-rising GOP star and prodigious party fundraiser, secretly kept at least \$11,000 from that event, the indictment said.

Freiburg recalled that many on the trip were

well-off but others weren't, including several recent college graduates. "Some sacrificed financially to go," the 63-year-old said. Prosecutors say in 2011, Schock set up a Florida bank account under the name of a factious company, "Global Travel International," and instructed staff to deposit that year's fly-fee money into it. He allegedly kept at least \$4,482 from the 2011 fly-in, which happened in the same month he appeared on the cover of Men's Health, his shirt unbuttoned to show off his six-pack abs. Landing the magazine cover with the blurb "Rep. Aaron Schock is willing to give you the shirt off his back" - drew mockery on late-night TV but boosted Schock's profile nationally. Schock, who resigned last year as scrutiny of his spending intensified, issued a statement on Nov. 10 responding to the charges of wire fraud, theft of government funds and other things, saying "we might have made errors" but that "no one intended to break any law."A spokesman for Schock and his legal team, Mark Hubbard, said Sunday "that funds received for the events were used for that purpose," adding that the fly-ins were always widely praised by participants. He said Schock's understanding was that "small amounts" of funds

"There was no intent in this case of criminal conduct," Hubbard said.

that were left over "could

be used for future events."

Freiburg remembers how quickly and easily Schock made it on the political stage. His first victory was at age 19 for a seat on the Peoria School Board, and he became the youngest member of Congress after winning in 2008 at age 27. "He was so very charismatic — such a bright, shining star," Freiburg said.

Schock successfully marrising keted himself during six
gious years in Congress as an
aretly unwavering fiscal conserfrom vative. A 2012 campaign
ment flier claimed his frugality
started as a farm kid, saythat ing he saved up \$4,000 and
were invested it in his own IRA



In this Feb. 6, 2015, file photo, former U.S. Rep. Aaron Schock, R-III. speaks to reporters in Peoria, III.

Associated Press

when he was 14. But the indictment paints a picture of him treating his elected office as a kind of ATM. He allegedly spent \$40,000

He allegedly spent \$40,000 in government funds to redecorate his office, including \$5,000 on a chandelier, and used \$8,000 in campaign cash to take a

private plane from Peoria to Washington because he feared missing a connecting flight to Europe. The indictment also says he bought four Super Bowl tickets in January 2014 for \$10,025 with campaign funds and resold them at a \$1,975 profit.





Dangers faced by migrants often extend to border shelters

ASTRID GALVAN Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — Vandals broke into a shelter, left feces on crosses made by migrant men and trashed other parts of the building. Someone made a threatening call to a priest who helps serve warm meals to recently deported immigrants.

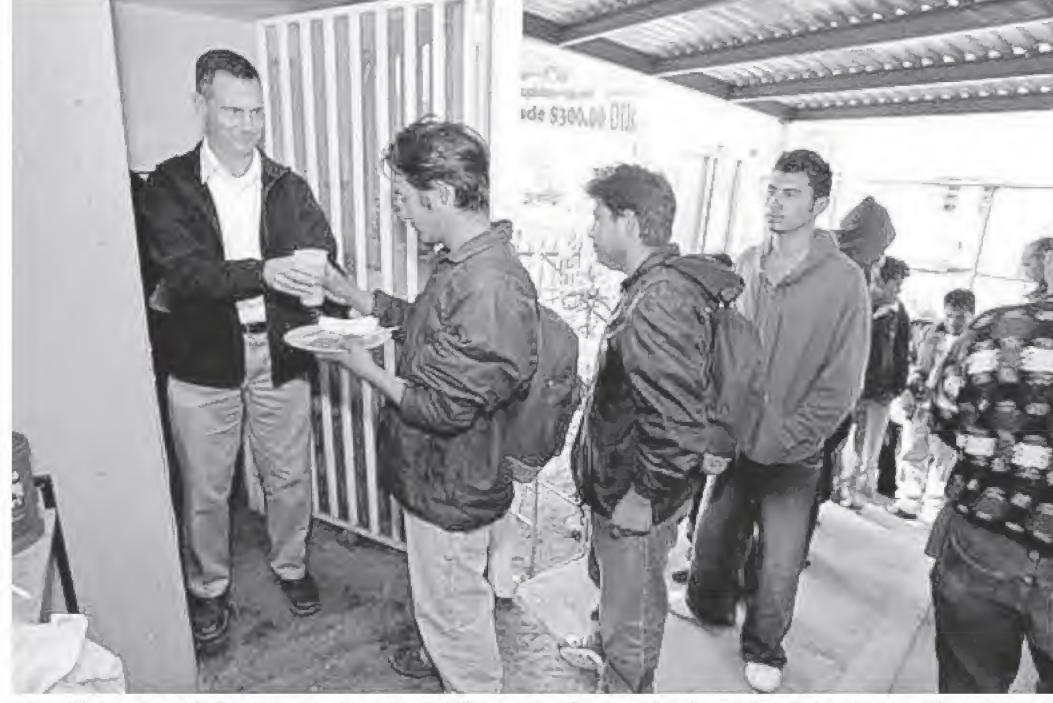
The soup kitchen for deported migrants in the Mexican city of Nogales, on the border with Arizona, has seen a spate of crimes this year. Its leader says the incidents likely are tied to the center's growing involvement in helping migrants report crimes.

"We've been robbed before, but we've never had a break-in like that," said the Rev. Sean Carroll, head of the center known in Spanish as a "comedor." His efforts won Pope Francis' praise last year.

The break-in and vandalism at the Kino Border Initiativerun center are part of a border-wide problem of drug
cartels that see migrant
shelters as an impediment
to their business because
they protect migrants who
otherwise could be forced
into smuggling drugs or extorted for money to cross
into the U.S.

Carroll says migrants have increasingly told staff and volunteers they were robbed or kidnapped by criminal organizations hop-

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ILE - In this March 9, 2009 file photo, Rev. Sean Carroll, left, executive director of the Kino Border Initiative, hands out food at the Aid Center for Deported Migrants in Nogales, Mexico.

ing to seize on attempts to cross the border.

"I think it comes in waves," said Maureen Meyer, a senior associate with the Washington Office on Latin America. "They're protecting something that criminal organizations use as a profit."

In Nogales, staffers have escorted migrants to police departments and helped them file reports on at least 10 occasions this year, Carroll says. The kitchen served over 4,300 meals in October and provides shelter for a limited number of migrants.

Carroll says staff already has safety measures in place, but is also working with Mexican police to increase patrols and possibly install security cameras in the kitchen.

Mexican police told The Arizona Republic that the vandalism was not related to drug cartels.

The Rev. Giovanni Bizzotto, director of a shelter in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, which sits on the border with Texas, says many migrants experience harrowing journeys that include extortion,

kidnappings and robberies.
Violence between drug cartels and against migrants in that part of Mexico has surged in the past several years, including the discovery of a mass grave that held over 70 migrants in the city of San Fernando, about 250 miles south of Nuevo Laredo. The U.S. State Department advises against unnecessary travel to many cities in the state of Tamaulipas.

"We're right here in the middle of the situation," Bizzotto said. "The situation is very hard on the border, but we carry on with hope." The Rev. Pat Murphy, who operates a migrant shelter in Tijuana, Mexico, says he hasn't seen any issues with

crime lately, but that could be because the shelter is open 24 hours a day and always has staff on hand. The shelter provides food, clothing, legal assistance and other services to deported immigrants or those who have just arrived in northern Mexico.

Associated Press

In Nogales, Carroll said staff discovered the vandalized shetter Sept. 15. Besides feces, they found paint thrown around a table and soap tossed around.

"It's a threatening environment for our staff at
the moment," Carroll said.
"We're moving forward,
and obviously we continue
to seek support for our mission, but the mission hasn't
changed."



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San Antonio police officer fatally shot while writing ticket

JAMIE STENGLE Associated Press

A San Antonio police officer writing out a traffic ticket to a motorist was shot to death in his squad car Sunday outside police headquarters by another driver who pulled up from behind, authorities said.

San Antonio police Chief William McManus identified the officer as Detective Benjamin Marconi, 50, a 20vear veteran of the force. McManus said the suspect had not been apprehended Sunday night. He said he doesn't believe the man has any relationship to the original motorist who was pulled over, and no motive has been identified. "We consider this suspect to be extremely dangerous and a clear threat to law enforcement officers and the public," said McManus, who added that after the shooting officers had been instructed to not make traffic stops alone.

McManus said Marconi had pulled over a vehicle and while he was inside his squad car writing a ticket, a car pulled up behind him. The driver of that car got out, walked up to the officer's driver-side window and shot Marconi twice in the head, then walked back to his car and drove away.

Marconi was pronounced Ten days after the Dallas dead at a hospital.

attack, a man wearing a

McManus said investigators are looking into all leads and motives, including whether it could be related to an officer-involved shooting earlier Sunday in the city. In that incident, McManus said, police fatally shot a man who pointed a gun at officers outside an apartment following a seven-hour standoff.

"Hopefully, we'll solve this one real quick," McManus said.

Some streets downtown were blocked off with police tape as officials investigated the slaying.

The shooting came less than five months after a gunman killed five officers in Dallas who were working a protest about the fatal police shootings of black men in Minnesota and Louisiana. It was the deadliest day for American law enforcement since Sept. 11, 2001.

attack, a man wearing a ski mask and armed with two rifles and a pistol killed three officers near a gas station and convenience store in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. And earlier this month, two Des Moines, lowa-area police officers were fatally shot in separate ambush-style attacks while sitting in their patrol cars.

"It's always difficult, especially in this this day and age, where police are being targeted across the country," McManus said. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott

This undated image released by the San Antonio Police Department shows 20-year police veteran, Det. Benjamin Marconi, 50, who was shot and killed Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016, while on duty in San Antonio, Texas.

Associated Press

rific act of violence." Abbott said in a statement that "attacks against law enforcement officers will not be tolerated in Texas and must be met with swift justice."
San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor extended condolences
to the family of the slain officer and the entire police

Nashville arrest records, photos of civil rights icon found

called the slaying a "hor-

ADAM BEAM Associated Press

When civil rights icon John Lewis returned to Nash-ville this weekend, he was greeted just like he was more than 50 years ago — with a mug shot and an arrest record.

But this time, his record was bound for the city's public library. Officials in Tennessee's capital city have unearthed never-before-published photos and records documenting Lewis' arrests there decades ago, while he was leading an effort to desegregate the city's lunch counters.

Nashville Mayor Megan Berry surprised Lewis with the records while he was on stage Saturday at the Martin Luther King Jr. Academic Magnet High School to receive a literary award for "March," a three-part graphic novel about his life in the civil rights movement. "I was surprised, and I almost cried. I held back tears, because I was so

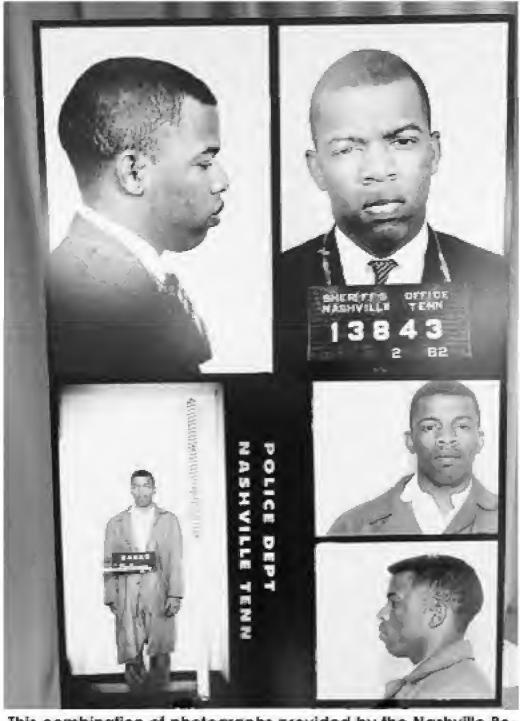
young," Lewis, now 76 and long a U.S. congressman from Georgia, told reporters afterward. "I would love to have copies of them and place them in my Washington office, so when young people, especially children, come by, and even some of my colleagues, they will see what happened and be inspired to do something."As a child, Lewis was inspired by radio broadcasts of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. That eventually led him to co-found the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and serve as its chairman. He was one of the organizers for the 1963 March on Washington.

The photos depict a scowling Lewis in his early 20s, wearing a tie in one photo and a long overcoat in another. The arrest records show he was booked at least three times from 1961 to 1963 on charges including disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and breach

of the peace. City officials plan to display copies of the records in the Civil Rights Room of the Nashville Public Library, where all police trainees are required to attend a class.

"You got into some 'good trouble' in Nashville, and apparently 40-plus more times, and I hope these photos remind you of what you have done and the legacy you have left for us," Barry told Lewis while showing him the records Saturday. David Ewing, a local historian and lawyer, first requested the records years ago but was told they did not exist. But he kept asking, and his prodding eventually led officials to find them deep in the city's archives.Lewis said he has been arrested 45 times for his activism — including five times since he was elected to Congress. But his first arrest came in Nashville.

"I'm probably going to be arrested again," he said.



This combination of photographs provided by the Nashville Police Department shows recently discovered never-before-published photos of civil rights icon John Lewis' arrest while leading an effort to desegregate the city's lunch counters in the early 1960's in Nashville.





Obama, Putin discuss Syria and Ukraine at summit in Peru



U.S. President Barack Obama, right, appears at the opening session of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) in Lima, Peru, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016. Also pictured, from left, are Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Russia's President Vladimir Putin and Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister Prajin Juntong. Associated Press

DARLENE SUPERVILLE **Associated Press**

LIMA, Peru (AP) — President Barack Obama spoke briefly with Russian President Vladimir Putin about Syria and Ukraine on Sunday as an economic summit got under way in Peru, in their first known conversation since Donald Trump president.

The two leaders were seen chatting at the start of the opening session of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Lima. They stood off to the side together momentarily with aides close by before shaking hands and then taking their seats around a table. The White House said the conversation lasted four minutes.

Although reporters present couldn't hear what they

said, the White House said Obama encouraged Putin to uphold his country's commitments under the Minsk deal aimed at ending the Ukraine conflict. Both the White House and the Kremlin said the leaders had agreed that U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign minwas elected the next U.S. ister Sergei Lavrov should keep working throughout Obama's final months on initiatives lower violence in Syria and alleviate suffering. The short interaction came amid intense speculation and concern about whether Trump's election might herald a more conciliatory U.S. approach to Russia. Under Obama, the U.S. has enacted severe sanctions on Russia over its aggressive behavior in Ukraine and has sought unsuccessfully to persuade

Moscow to stop intervening in Syria's civil war to help prop up Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Trump and Putin have already signaled they may pursue a less antagonistic relationship after Trump takes office in January. In a phone call shortly after Trump was elected, Putin congratulated him and expressed readiness for a "partner-like dialogue," the Kremlin said.

In the run-up to the election, the U.S. also accused Russia of trying to interfere in the election, including by hacking into Democratic Party email systems. Obama has raised concerns directly to Pufin ahead of the election about Russian hacking, and the U.S. also registered complaints through a hotline set up to avert accidental nuclear war.

Throughout the campaign, the Kremlin insisted that it had no favorites and rejected the claims of interference in the U.S. election. The meeting came as Obama, on the last day of his final overseas tour as president, sought to reassure world leaders gathered in Peru that their longstanding ties with the U.S. wouldn't faiter under Irump.

Sitting down with Prime Minister Malcolm Tumbull of Australia, Obama said he assured Turnbull that the alliance between their countries would remain

as strong as ever. Turnbull said he and Obama were of the mind on trade — an issue Trump sees quite differently. Still, he added that Australia wanted the U.S. to succeed under Trump.

Both the U.S. and Australia helped negotiate the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a multinational trade agreement involving 10 other Pacific Rim countries. But Congress is unlikely to ratify the deal, dealing a blow to Obama's once high hopes of having the agreement become part of his presidential legacy. Trump says trade deals can hurt U.S. workers, and he opposes TPP.Obama told Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau that he had no doubt the close and important U.S.-Canada relationship will persist after he leaves office, saying that's been constant with Republican and Democratic administrations alike. Trudeau said he's invited Presidentelect Donald Trump to visit Canada soon after Inauguration Day and hopes to welcome him to Canada.

Before boarding Air Force One for the flight to Washington, Obama planned to answer questions from the journalists who accompanied him to Greece, Germany and Peru.

Trump's election overshadowed every stop on Obama's trip. The president went to once unimaginable lengths to defend the real-estate mogul and

reality TV star who he had repeatedly denounced during the campaign as "temperamentally unfit" and "uniquely unqualified" to be president.

"I think it will be important for everybody around the world to not make immediate judgments, but give this new president-elect a chance to put their team together, to examine the issues, to determine what their policies will be," Obama said in response to a question about Trump during a forum here Saturday with some of Latin

America's future leaders. "As I've always said, how you campaign isn't always the same as how you govem," he added.Obama's suggestion is that Trump could soften some of his more hard-line positions on immigration, terrorism and other issues once he confronts the reality of having to run the country. But the candidates Trump announced this past week for key national security posts Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions for attorney general, retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn for national security adviser and Kansas Rep. Mike Pompeo to lead the CIA sent a signal that Trump intends to lead exactly as he said he would during the campaign.Leaders in every region of the world have expressed concern about Trump's stances on immigration, trade, NATO and other matters.





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German Chancellor Merkel says she's seeking a fourth term

KIRSTEN GRIESHABER **Associated Press**

BERLIN (AP) - Angela Merkel, who has steered Germany through several global crises as its first woman leader, said Sunday that she will seek a fourth eral elections next year.

this decision endlessly ... but I am ready to run for office again," Merkel told reporters after meeting with high-ranking members of her center-right party. "I want to serve Germany."

Merkel said she expected strong challenges from the left and right fringes of society as Germany has become more polarized.

"This election will be difficult - like no other election since the reunification" of West and East Germany in 1990, she said.

Clearly the dominant leader in Europe, Merkel urged caution against outsized she might yet achieve.

"Everything that's about how it all depends on me, especially after the elections in the U.S., honors me. but at the same time I find it very much grotesque and almost bizarre," she said.

"No person ... not even with the biggest experience, can turn things in Germany, Europe and in the world more or less to the good, and especially not the chancellor of Germany."

The 62-year-old chancellor first needs to be re-elected as chairwoman of the Christian Democratic Union party at its national convention next month, but she faces no serious opposition within the party.

A physicist by training, Merkel became chancellor in 2005. She is the first leader of a reunited Germany to have grown up under communism in the former East Germany.

If she wins next year and serves the entire fouryear term, Merkel would match her one-time mentor Helmut Kohl's post-war record of 16 years in office. term as chancellar in gen- Repeatedly named "The World's Most Powerful "I literally thought about Woman" by Forbes magazine, Merkel also has been suggested by some as the last powerful defender of liberal values in the West following Donald Trump's election as the next U.S. president.

> Nearly 60 percent of surveyed Germans a recent poll said they wanted Merkel to run for office again, said Manfred Guellner, the head of the Forsa polling agency.

"In these difficult times, Merkel is a pillar of stability," Gueilner told The Associated Press. "People have the feeling she represents German interests well abroad." expectations about what While she's never been described as a visionary or earned much praise for stirring speeches, Merkel has won respect for being tough, shrewd and doggedly tackling problems.

Since becoming chancellor, she's dealt with several international crises, including the Eurozone debt crisis in 2008-09 for which she brokered compromises among fractious European Union leaders.

She has been a strong advocate of efforts to combat climate change, and in 2011 abruptly accelerated the shutdown of Germany's nuclear power plants following the meltdowns at Japan's Fukushima plant.

Unresolved diplomatic challenges include Europe's relationship with Russia, the future of Ukraine, autocratic developments in Turkey, the ongoing war in Syria and negotiations over Britain's exit from the European Union.

Merkel also needs to brace herself for the populist wave sweeping both the United States and Europe, where elections next year could see a far-right politician become president of France.

Domestically, the nationalist Alterative for Germany, or AfD, could prove to be one of the biggest stumbling blocks to her re-election. The populist party, which is now represented in 10 state parliaments, has aggressively campaigned against Merkel's decision to welcome an estimated 890,000 migrants into Germany last year.

In elections in the eastern state of Mecklenburg-



German Chancellor and chairwoman of the Christian Democratic party, CDU, Angela Merkel, addresses the media in Berlin, Germany, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016.

Associated Press.

Western Pomerania earlier this year, Merkel's party came in third behind the Alliance for Germany, According to recent polls, the AfD would win around 10 percent of the vote if general elections were to be held now.

Merkel, the oldest of three

children and the daughter of a Protestant pastor, entered politics in her mid-30s after working as a physicist behind the Iron Curtain. She served as minister for women and families in Kohl's first post-reunification Cabinet in the 1990s and then also as an environment minister.



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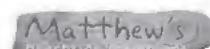
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115 dead as train derails in north India; some still trapped

RAJESH KUMAR SINGH Associated Press PUKHRAYAN, India (AP)

Rescuers worked through the night to pull people out of mangled coaches after an overnight passenger train derailed early Sunday in northern India, killing at least 115 people, police said.

The death toll was expected to rise further because rescue workers had yet to gain access to one of the worstdamaged of the 14 coaches that derailed, said Daljeet Chaudhary, a director general of police. About 150 people were injured, he said.

The train derailed at around 3:10 a.m., jolting awake passengers who had settled in for the long trip. Survivors and bodies were retrieved from mangled coaches that had fallen on their side.

Ramchandra Tewari, a passenger who suffered a head injury, said he was asleep when he was suddenly flung to the floor of his coach.

"There was a loud sound like an earthquake. I fell from my berth and a lot of luggage fell over me," Tewari told reporters from his hospital bed in the city of Kanpur. "I thought I was dead, and then I passed out."

Another passenger, Satish Kumar, said the train was traveling at normal speed when it stopped suddenly.

"It restarted, and then we heard a crash," Kumar, whose coach remained standing on the track, said at the derailment site. "When we came out of the train, we saw a few coaches



Rescuers search among the debris after 14 coaches of an overnight passenger train rolled off the track near Pukhrayan village Kanpur Dehat district, Uttar Pradesh state, India, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016.

Associated Press

had derailed."

The cause of the derailment was not immediately clear. Accidents are relatively common on India's sprawling rail network, which is the world's third largest but lacks modern signaling and communication systems.

accidents Most blamed on poor maintenance and human error. The impact of the de-northeast, railment was so strong that one of the coaches landed on top of another, crushing the one below, said Brig. Anurag Chibber, who was heading the army's rescue team.

"We fear there could be many more dead in the lower coach," he said, adding that it was unwere in the coach.

police chief of Uttar Pradesh state, where the derailment took place,

115 bodies had been recovered from the wreckage.

derailment curred near the village of Pukhrayan, outside was a danger that they of Kanpur, an industrial could city about 400 kilometers (250 miles) southeast of New Delhi.

are train, linking the central ting torches," Chaud-Indian city of Indore to the city of Patna to its completes its 1,360-kilometer (845mile) journey in 27 hours. Rescue workers, soldiers and members of India's disaster management force reached Pukhrayan within an hour of the derailment and began pulling out people trapped in the overturned coaches.

Rescuers used cutting railed train cars to try to Javeed Ahmad, the reach those trapped inside, while cranes were deployed to lift the coaches from the

tracks. However, rescuers moved cautiously because some of the oc- coaches were precariously tilted, and there topple over, possibly injuring those trapped inside.

"We are being very The Patna-Indore Express careful in using the cuthary said.

Medical teams provided first aid near the site, while the more seriously injured were moved to hospitals in Kanpur, Chaudhary said. Of the roughly 150 injured, 72 were in serious condition, he said.

Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu arrived at the site by Sunday evening to monitor the rescue and relief operations. He clear how many people torches to open the de-said a special train has been arranged to take passengers from the derailed train to Patna, according to the PTI news agency. He said thou-

sands of food packets, water bottles and cups of tea were being provided to the stranded passengers.

Anxious relatives of passengers searched for their family members among the injured and the dead at hospitals in Kanpur.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his concern over the derailment.

"Anguished beyond words on the loss of lives due to the derailing of the Patna-Indore express. My thoughts are with the bereaved families," Modi posted on his Twitter account.

Kanpur is a major railway junction, and hundreds of trains pass through the city every day. After the derailment, several trains using the line were diverted to other routes. Anil Saxena, spokesman for Indian Railways, said in New Delhi.

Rail authorities have ordered an investigation into the incident, Saxena said.

In 2012, an Indian government report said about 15,000 people are killed every year in train accidents in the country, caused mainly by outdated equipment and overstretched staff. The country's worst railway accident occurred in 1981, when a passenger train fell into the Baghmati River in northern India, killing nearly 800 people.

Prime Minister Modi has pledged to invest \$137 billion over the next five years to modernize India's railway network, which is used by around 23 million passengers a day.

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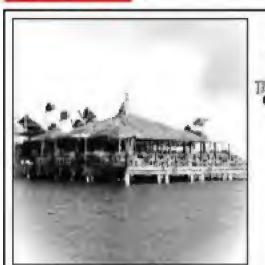
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Iraqi forces dig in as Mosul battle rages

QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA Associated Press

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi troops on Sunday fortified their positions in Mosul neighborhoods retaken from the Islamic State group as their advance toward the city center was slowed by sniper fire and suicide bombings, as well as concern over the safety of civilians.

"The biggest hindrance to us is the civilians, whose presence is slowing us down," Maj. Gen. Sami al-Aridi of the special forces told The Associated Press. "We are soldiers who are not trained to carry out humanitarian tasks."

A few hundred civilians emerged from rubblestrewn front-line neighborhoods on Sunday. They included women and children, some of them carrying bags, small suitcases or waving white flags. Mosul is still home to more than 1 million people.

The government sent half-dozen trucks loaded with food aid into the recently liberated areas. Chaos broke out in one neighborhood, where residents climbed on top of the trucks and began helping themselves. Women extended their hands in desperation, trying to get a share of the aid. Young boys chased the trucks and jostled and pleaded for food packages.

"It's hunger that makes people behave like this," said Mohammed Faroug, a 27-year-old resident. "Some families took many boxes, while others did not take any. This is unfair."



Iragi citizens line up to receive food supplies, at al-Samah neighborhood, in Mosul city, Irag, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016.

Associated Press

Fethi Mahmud Abdul- the troops it was target- coalition is providing airla, another resident, inglate Saturday. are tired, so tired. Some seven times," he said.

Al-Aridi said his men were searching homes in areas retaken from IS, looking for militants and vehicles rigged with explosives. Troops in those areas continue to be hit by mortar rounds, sniper fire and suicide bombers, he said.

In the newly liberated areas, roads are blocked by car wrecks and sandbags, and tanks are deployed on wider streets. Snipers on high buildings watch for suicide bombers or other intruders. Brig. Gen. Haider Fadhil said four civilians were killed and another four wounded when a sui-

pleaded for people to The troops laid siege IS captured Mosul in the keep the lines. "People Sunday to the Al-Zohour summer of 2014 as part of neighborhood, of them take aid five or eight kilometers (five a third of Iraq under their miles) from the city center. The arrival of the troops at the neighborhood's fringes prompted hundreds of civilians to emerge from their homes waving white flags. The special forces later drove IS from two other neighborhoods.

The Iragi military launched a campaign on Oct. 17 to retake Mosul, Iraq's second largest city and the extremist group's last major urban bastion in the country. Most gains have been made by the special forces operating in the section of Mosul east of the Tigris river. Other forces are advancing on cide car bomb explod- the city from different died before it could reach rections, and the U.S.-led

strikes and other support. about a blitz that placed nearly control. Iraqi troops, federal police and allied Shiite and Sunni militias have over the past year pushed IS militants from most of the vast Sunni province of Anbar, west of Baghdad, and areas to the north and east of the Iraqi capital.

> Army troops arrived on the outskirts of Tal Afar, west of Mosul, to reinforce state-sanctioned Shiite militias, who have captured the town's airport and are preparing to retake the town, according to two senior militia officials. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

> Prior to its capture by IS,

Shiites constituted the majority of Tal Afar's estimated 200,000 residents. Human Rights Watch said in a report Sunday that Sunni militiamen fighting alongside the Iraqi military detained and beat 22 men from villages near Mosul and recruited 10 children from displaced camps in the area to join the fight against IS.

"The Iraqi authorities should investigate any alleged acts of torture and cruel and inhuman treatment in custody and charge those responsible for war crimes, including anyone with command responsibility who should have known about the crimes and failed to take all reasonable measures to prevent them," said the New York-based advocacy group."The U.S. should press the Iraqi government to ensure that the troops they are supporting don't have fighters under 18 in their ranks," said Lama Fakih, HRW's deputy Middle East director.In Baghdad, four separate bomb attacks targeted commercial areas on Sunday, killing at least 10 civilians and wounding 34, according to police and health officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

Baghdad has for more than a decade been the scene of near daily bomb attacks blamed on IS and other Sunni militants. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for any of Sunday's attacks.



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Divided, battered Haiti to hold elections, ready or not

DAVID McFADDEN Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) Haitians will try yet again to elect a president this weekend despite the fact that much of the southwest is still in ruins from Hurricane Matthew, parts of the north have been battered by floods and the country remains in political disarray.

Haitian authorities acknowledge the timing isn't ideal, but say it's time for the drifting country to move forward.

"The upcoming elections will be crucial for the democratic future of the country," Interim President Jocelerme Privert said in a

national address this week. Sunday's voters will choose from among 27 candidates for president, with the top two finishers going to a Jan. 29 runoff. They will also be electing 16 senators and 25 members of the Chamber of Deputies.

The electoral cycle began more than a year ago, but it's been repeatedly derailed. A first-round presidential vote held in October 2015 was annulled after a special commission found it appeared to be tainted by fraud.

Privert, chosen by Parliament, remains in office even though his 120-day term ended in June amid



A woman walks past a metal sheeting covered with campaign posters promoting presidential candidate Jude Celestin, in Port-au-Prince, Halti, Friday, Nov. 18, 2016. Haitians are going to the polls Sunday to pick Haiti's next president. Haiti is holding long-delayed presidential elections Sunday. Last year's vote was annulled and the nation has been operating with a provisional president since february.

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posturing and delays by the deeply polarized country's political class.

A redo vote was finally scheduled for early October.

scrapped when Hurricane Matthew devastated the country on Oct. 4.

Since then, roughly 250 storm-damaged schools and other voting centers have been mended. In some places tents will serve as emergency election stations.

The U.S. Embassy this week applauded "significant steps" taken by Haiti following Matthew to ensure that elections will be held. But the State Department still revised a travel alert, urging U.S. citizens in Haiti to exercise caution because "tensions remain high."

Election officials are hop-

ing to improve on the 26 percent turnout in the annulled round of voting last year, but they are battling election fatigue, voter disenchantment and ob-But that had to be stacles facing residents in storm-ravaged areas.

"We know that people in the south part of the country are very much concerned about their survival, about food, about shelter." said Rosny Desroches of the Haitian watchdog group Citizen Observatory for Institutionalizing Democracy. "For some people elections might appear as a kind of secondary concern."

Some Haitians in the stormimpacted southwest say they resent being asked to vote as they struggle with basic necessities in Matthew's aftermath.

"There are so many troubles. To me, it seems unfair

(AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

to hold this vote now," said Mario Jean Michel, owner of a small hotel in the shattered city of Jeremie.

But others say they're eager to get elections over with, hopeful a new administration will better their lives and improve relief efforts.

"Everyone I know is ready to vote," said Walna Gevere from the southwest town of Anse d'Hainault.

There's no clear front-runner in the crowded presidential field. Polls are contradictory and unreliable. Some analysts believe the top contenders are Jovenel Moise, the leading candidate in the annulled 2015 vote and the choice of ex-President Michel Martelly, and Jude Celestin, a former state construction chief who led an election boycott last year after finishing second.



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The electricity supply in the rural areas of the Dominican Republic is often not reliable. For this reason many of the plantations rely on diesel generation for electricity, which is often used for irrigation pumps. These pumps are large energy consumers in particular.

At team of Aruban TNO experts first carried out an energy audit and system assessment. This resulted in the recommendation to switch to more energy efficient pumps. In addition they studied how a combination with solar power could result in a lower energy bill and a more reliable energy supply. A bio-gas production option to generate power at night was included as an option. Combined this system results in an almost independent off-grid energy system.

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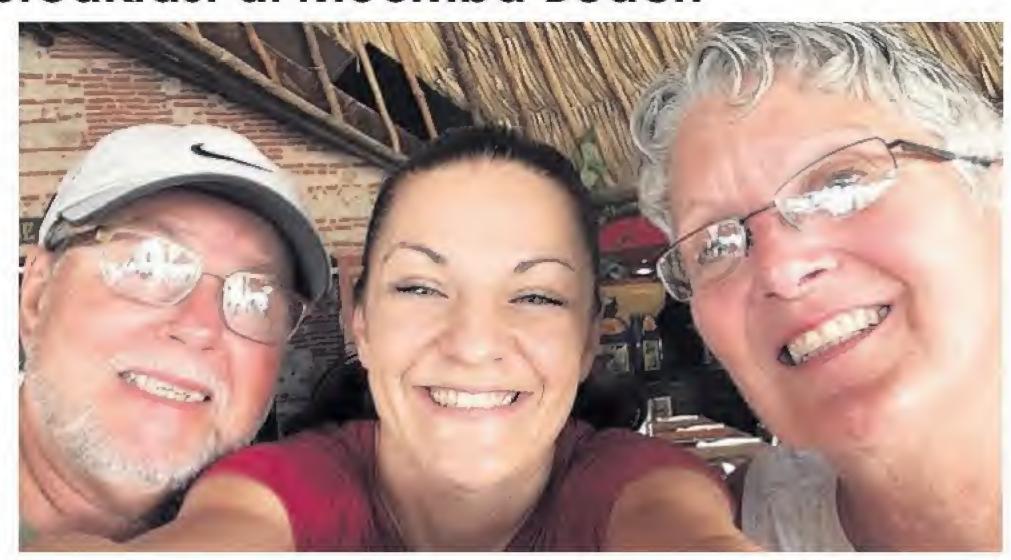






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Aruba Aloe Puts International Award-Winning Soap on the Market

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Aruba Aloe specifically developed the soap for the international "Soapers' Showcase" competition at the Handcrafted Soap & Cosmetic Guild's Annual Conference in Tampa, Florida, last May. Infused with a unique scent, the soap clinched first place in the "Melt & Pour Best Scent" category.

According to Aruba Aloe's managing director,
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ba. Successes like this are proof that Aruba is indeed home to some of the best Aloe Vera products in the world."

From last July till September, Aruba Aloe ran a special promotion wherein customers received the Best Scent Winner with any purchase. The soap proved highly popular, prompting Aruba Aloe to introduce the soap to its permanent soap collection.

"We're super excited to add this award-winning soap to our store shelves. It's a product with a story behind it, and we're proud to share this story with our clientele," shared Jessica Posner, marketing manager for Aruba Aloe.

Dream will share shelf space with other great products, which are made according to the same high standards embraced by Aruba Aloe and contain ultra-moisturizing 100% Pure Aloe Vera Gel from Aruba. Aruba Aloe is proud to offer several handmade soap lines that are vegan, gluten-free, and parabenfree. Bath soaks, sugar scrubs, and salt scrubs promise an indulgent spa experience at home along with radiant, renewed skin.

Aruba Aloe's soap products are made by hand in the Soap Factory on Main Street in downtown Oranjestad. The Main Street Store shares a glass wall with the factory, giving clients a sneak peek of the soap-making process. The store is also outfitted with sleek porcelain sinks where customers can sample the various soaps and scrubs.

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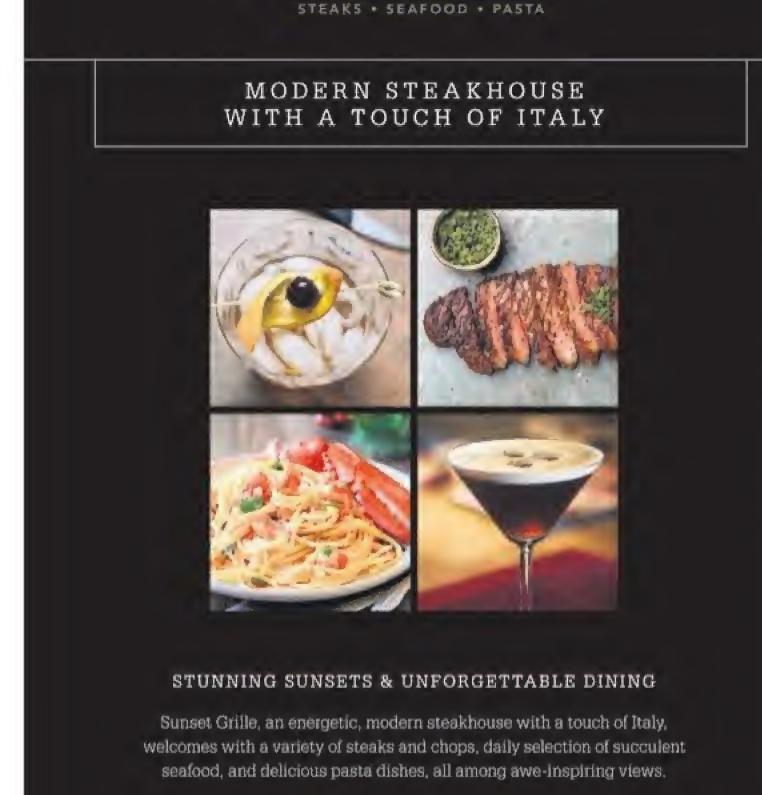
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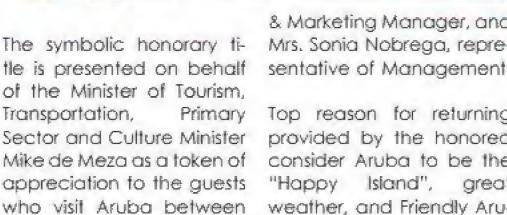


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Andy Murray of Britain holds the trophy after winning the ATP World Tour Finals singles final tennis match against Novak Djokovic of Serbia at the O2 Arena in London, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016.

Associated Press

Murray ends season as No. 1, beats Djokovic at ATP finals

CHRIS LEHOURITES AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Andy Murray earned the year-end No. 1 ranking and his first title at the ATP finals on Sunday, beating Novak Djokovic 6-3, 6-4 in the last match of the tennis season.

The Wimbledon champion, who took over from Djokovic as the top-ranked player two weeks ago, needed to win on Sunday to ensure he finished the season as the No. 1-ranked player in the world for the first time.

Murray started with a pair of double-faults in the opening game, but it was soon Djokovic that was struggling with his serve. The secondranked Serb was broken once in the first set and twice in the second as the unforced errors piled up.

Normally so steady with his groundstrokes, Djokovic found himself missing easy shots time after time, finishing the match with a whopping 30 unforced errors and only 13 winners. Murray had 15 unforced errors and 13 winners.

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Bradley Wiggins hints that he might extend his career

SAMUEL PETREQUIN AP Sports Writer

Bradley Wiggins hinted on Sunday that he might extend his cycling career after winning what was expected to be his final professional race.

Wiggins, the most decorated Olympian in British history, won the Ghent Six Days event in Belgium with Mark Cavendish on the boards of the 't Kuipke velodrome where, as a child, he had watched his father compete.

After his victory, the 2012
Tour de France winner hinted he might not hang up
his bike for good after coming out on top of a thrilling
three-way battle in the final
Madison race of the cycling marathon.

"I always said that this

would be my final send-off, to come here and race Ghent for one last time," said Wiggins, who also won the race in 2003 in the city where he was born 36 years ago.

"This will be the last time we race together (with Mark) for sure. Maybe not my last individually, but together as a pairing. I am not sure about my future yet, but



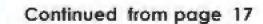
Former Tour de France winner and Olympic Gold medallist Britain's Bradley Wiggins, left, and Britain's Mark Cavendish celebrate winning the six day race at 't Kuipke velodrome in Ghent, Belgium, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016.

Associated Press

at this moment I've still got really good legs, so I don't want to say that is 100 per cent it. I will make an announcement next week, but at the moment I am just going to enjoy today."

If Wiggins decides to retire, he will have closed out the final lap of his career with a

victory in a race suiting his nostalgia-tinged personality perfectly. The Ghent Six Days, which dates back to 1922, is a race for pairs of riders competing on the track. Past winners include Belgian legend Eddy Merckx, and the event still has an 'old-school' feel.



In the first set, Djokovic had a routine smash that he whacked wide. And in the second, he netted a basic forehand volley.

It never got much better for the 12-time Grand Slam champion, who was trying to win a record-tying sixth title at the season-ending tournament and finish the year as the top-ranked player for the fifth time.

Murray is the first man other than Djokovic, Roger Federer or Rafael Nadal to finish the year as the No. 1-ranked player since Andy Roddick in 2003.

He took over the top spot



Novak Djokovic of Serbia sits on the bench during the ATP World Tour Finals singles final tennis match against Andy Murray of Britain at the O2 Arena in London, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016.

Associated Press

on Nov. 7 after winning his eighth title of the season at the Paris Masters. He also reached the Australian Open and French Open finals, losing to Djokovic on both occasions, but won his second straight Olympic gold medal in singles at the Rio de Janeiro Games after claiming his second Wimbledon title.

His victory on Sunday was his 24th straight, and the first time he has beaten Djokovic indoors after four previous losses. Despite winning the opening two Grand Slam tournaments this year, Djokovic has struggled in the second half of the season.





NFL Capsules

Back on track: Steelers punish Browns 24-9, end 4-game skid

BY TOM WITHERS The Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — CLEVE-LAND (AP) - Le'Veon Bell scored on a 1-yard touchdown run long after time expired in the first half as the Pittsburgh Steelers had eight sacks to snap a fourgame losing streak with a 24-9 win Sunday over the winless Cleveland Browns.

The Steelers (5-5) scored eight points with zeroes showing on the clock before halftime after they were awarded two extra plays because of defensive penalties against the Browns (0-11).

Steelers defensive tackle Javon Hargrave recovered a fumble by QB Josh McCown for a TD with 3:36 left to seal Pittsburgh's win while Bell finished with a season-high 146 yards rushing.

COWBOYS 27, RAVENS 17 ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Dak Prescott threw three touchdown passes, including two to Dez Bryant, in the first game with Tony Romo as his backup as the Cowboys set a franchise season record with their ninth straight win.

Cowboys The marched 92 and 88 yards on their first two drives of the second half to break a 10-10 tie. Both drives ended with TD passes to Bryant, yards.

Romo, who broke a bone in his back in a preseason game, was active for the first time since Thanksgiving last year and was the Dallas backup for the first time in 10 years.

VIKINGS 30, CARDINALS 24 MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Xavier Rhodes returned one of his two interceptions 100 yards for a touchdown and Cordarrelle Patterson took the second-half kickoff 104 yards for a score as the Vikings stopped their fourgame losing streak.

The Vikings (6-4) used those momentum-shifting plays they'd been missing to hold onto a first-place tie with

Detroit in the NFC North, with a rematch against the Lions looming in four days. After fueling a 5-0 start with four return touchdowns, the Vikings didn't produce any over their last four games.

Danielle Hunter had two of the team's four sacks, the most by the Vikings since their most recent victory six weeks ago.

David Johnson rushed for 103 yards and a score and tacked on 57 yards and a touchdown receiving, as the Cardinals (4-5-1) fell further into the background of the NFC playoff picture with four more road games remaining.

BUCCANEERS 19, CHIEFS 17 KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) Jameis Winston sliced up a Kansas City defense missing top cornerback Marcus Peters as Tampa Bay snapped the Chiefs' fivegame winning streak.

Winston threw for 331 yards to help set up four field goals by Roberto Aguayo and hit tight end Robert Cross for a touchdown with just over six minutes left to give the Buccaneers (5-5) a cushion.

The Chiefs (7-3) marched swiftly downfield and Alex Smith hit Albert Wilson with a short touchdown pass with just over two minutes left. But their defense couldn't stop Mike Evans who had six catches for 80 on third-and-3 just moments later, and the big wide receiver's sixth reception gave the Buccaneers a first down.

BILLS 16, BENGALS 12

CINCINNATI (AP) — LeSean McCoy ran 7 yards for a touchdown before suffering a thumb injury, for the Bills (5-5), who had lost three straight heading into their bye week.

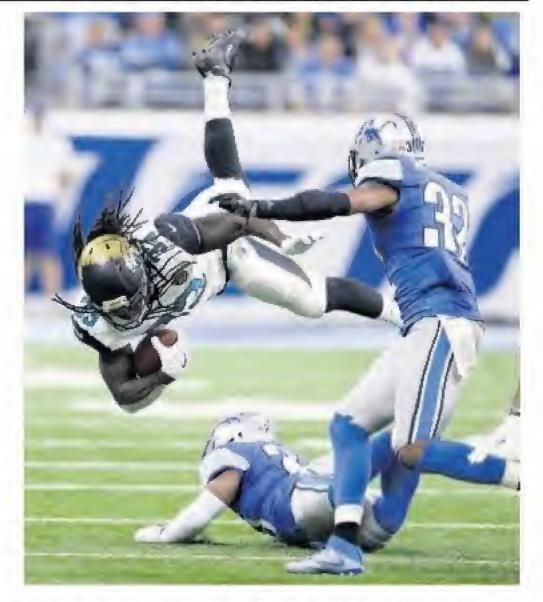
Playing their first game in nearly a month at Paul Brown Stadium, the Bengals (3-6-1) also lost receiver A.J. Green to an injured right hamstring on the first pass of the game; he was taken off on a cart.

Buffalo's defense clinched it by knocking down Andy

Dalton's desperation pass into the end zone on the final play. The Bengals managed only five first downs while being shut out in the second half.

The Bills lost two of their top offensive players in the first half. Receiver Robert Woods suffered a knee injury as he was tackled after a catch. McCoy hurt his left thumb late in the half. GIANTS 22, BEARS 16

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP) — Eli Manning threw a go-ahead 15-yard touchdown pass to rookie Sterling Shepard in the third quarter as the Giants rallied for their fifth straight



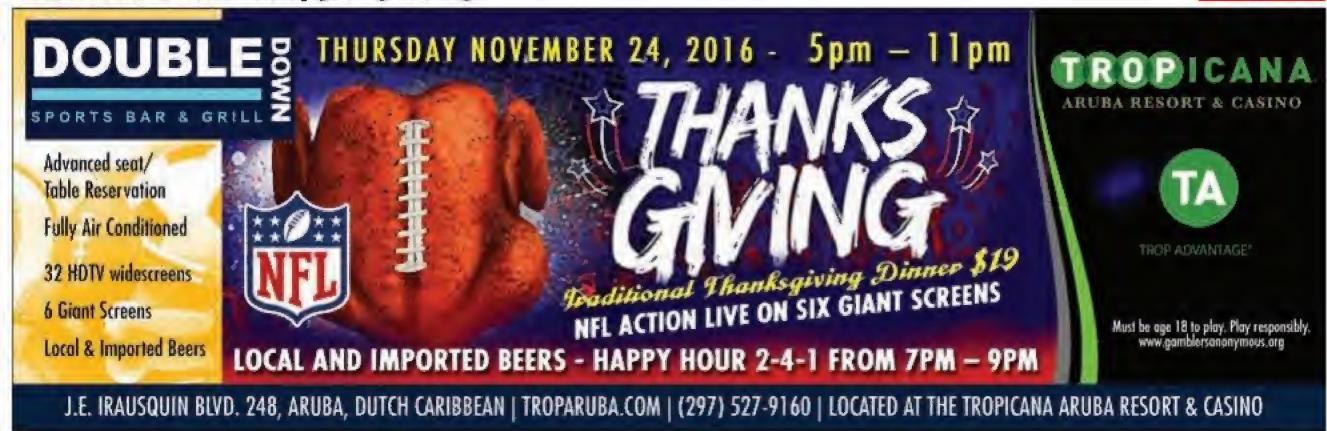
Jacksonville Jaguars running back Chris Ivory (33) leaps over a Detroit Lions defender during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016 in Detroit.

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Jimmie Johnson seizes record-tying 7th NASCAR championship

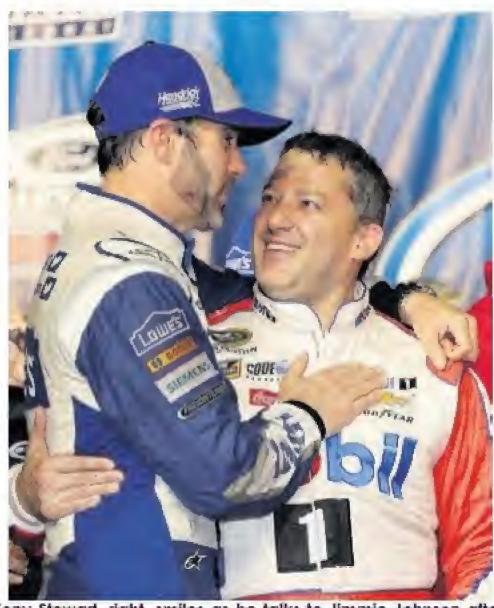
BY JENNA FRYER AP AUTO RACING WRITER HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP)

-- There was something special about NASCAR's playoffs this season that it made it feel like Jimmie Johnson would finally win his record-tying seventh championship.

Then it was time to race, and suddenly Johnson was anything but a slam-dunk. His car was seized by NAS-CAR shortly before the race for a last-minute trip through inspection, setting Johnson up for a mind-boggling Sunday at Homestead-Miami Speedway. He was the worst of the four title contenders for most of the race, but was gifted the chance of his career when Carl Edwards coughed away the title.

Given two more chances to win the title, Johnson got the restart of his life to steal the win that earned him another entry in NASCAR's record books. Johnson led only one lap - the last lap - and it was good enough for him to tie Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt as the only drivers in history to win seven titles.

"I had this crazy calmness over myself all day long



Tony Stewart, right, smiles as he talks to Jimmie Johnson after the NASCAR Sprint Cup auto race Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016, in Homestead, Fla. Johnson won the race and the season title.

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leading into this," Johnson said. "Even with us runnina fifth and the championship looking like it's not going to be there, I just felt something."

to the club.

"They set a goal to get father in victory lane. where they are and circumstances and fate made it a

reality," Petty said. "Jimmie is a great champion and this is really good for our sport."

He was also feted by Hendrick Motorsports team-Petty welcomed Johnson mate Dale Earnhardt Jr., who represented his late

> "I told Jimmie I wish Dad was here to shake his

hand," Earnhardt said. "Dad would think he's such a bad-ass. He's such a great race car driver. How he won this thing tonight, I don't think a lot of people know, he can will himself to get (his all) out of a car when it matters. There's a lot of circumstance that played into it, but he put himself in that position."

Johnson had to beat only Edwards, Joey Logano and defending champion Kyle Busch to win the fitle. He did it with his first career victory at Homestead.

"That's what makes a seven-time champion - someone that fights and battles and digs and never gives up," said four-time champion Jeff Gordon, the teammate who discovered Johnson for Hendrick Motorsports. "They keep themselves in position and allowed some of those unfortunate instances to work in their favor. You can say luck, whatever you want to say, but those guys battled. They battled hard."

Edwards was in position to win until a caution with 10 laps remaining set up a wild sequence that ruined his title hopes. Edwards tried to block Logano on the restart, wound up wrecked, and it was Johnson who drove through the camage to take the championship lead.

Johnson had to withstand two more restarts, and dedicated the final two attempts at the win to the late Ricky Hendrick, who was one of 10 friends and family members killed in a 2004 plane crash.

"My heart was full because I was thinking of some loved ones like Ricky Hendrick and his influence," he said. "Something happened from above."

Johnson had driven the entire 10-race Chase with a tribute helmet to Earnhardt and Petty, the drivers he's been chasing since he won his sixth title in 2013. Immediately after the race, he gifted the helmet to three-time champion Tony Stewart, who retired at the end of the race.

Drivers have been giving Stewart special helmets the last month, but Johnson had earmarked this one for the driver forever known as "Smoke."

"I promised him I'd give him a helmet, I wanted to wait and see if I could give him this one," Johnson said. "He doesn't really want it. He said if I want it back, I can have it back, but I promised I'd give him a helmet."The title was there for the taking for Edwards until the fateful sequence that changed history.

He was leading when Dylan Lupton brought out a caution with 15 laps remaining, and it forced Edwards to hold off the competition on a restart with 10 to go.Logano, so masterful on restarts for two years now, tried to dart around Edwards on the bottom. Edwards refused to yield and tried to fend off the move by blocking Logano low. Contact between the two sent Edwards hard into an interior wall, then all the way across the track for a second hit.





Spieth says Australian Open win will 'do wonders' for career

SYDNEY (AP) - Jordan Spieth believes his victory at the Australian Open on Sunday will "do wonders" for his career, just as it did when he won the tournament for the first time in 2014.

Spieth sank a 10-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole to beat local hopes Cameron Smith and Ashley Hall at Royal Sydney.

Former top-ranked Spieth forced the three-way playoff after sinking another clutch par putt on the 18th hole for a 3-under 69. He joined Smith (66) and Hall (66) at 12-under 276 after 72 holes.

For Spieth, it was more than winning the tournament for a second time.

"The way we played the playoff, I think is going to do wonders for me," Spieth said. "I've been in a little bit of stall hitting shots when they mattered ... To hit those two shots in there. right where I wanted to hit them and then make the putt is really big going forward."

The American added his name to an elite list of multiple winners at the Australian Open, including Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and Greg Norman. Spieth improved his record to two wins and a runner-up finish



Jordan Spieth from the United States holds the Stonehaven Cup trophy after winning the Australian Open Golf Championship at the Royal Sydney Golf Club in Sydney, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016.

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in 2015 from three appearances at the Australian Open.

at various times on a dra-Spieth, who.

On the playoff hole — the 18th — Spieth put his approach to within 10 feet before Hall stepped up the pressure by knocking his to less than 8 feet.

The 23-year-old Spieth then showed the composure that won him the Masters

and U.S. Open fitles last year when he calmly sank his putt while Hall pushed Four players held the lead his birdie attempt right of the cup.

matic final day, including Smith and Hall had some consolation as they secured starts at next year's British Open at Royal Birkdale, as did two-time Australian Open champion Aaron Baddeley, who finished in a five-way tie for fourth at 10 under.

> "I had a chance and that's all I can ask for," Hall said, "I

was pretty close to getting a job in a couple weeks, no idea what. ... I've got a couple young kids, so I have to keep money flowing in."

"I'm going to keep playing golf now," he added. "Especially now, I've got a pretty important tournament to play in July."

Baddeley closed with a 1-under 71 and edged out Rod Pampling (70), Jason Scrivener (69), Ryan Fox (71) and third-round leader

Geoff Ogilvy (73) for the spot at the British Open by virtue of his superior world ranking.

Ogilvy started the day with a two-stroke lead before Spieth made two birdies on his first two holes to go in front.

Ogilvy then chipped in for an eagle on the seventh hole to restore a two-shot margin and extended the lead to three shots before his round unraveled with a bogey on the par-4 15th and a double-bogey on the par-5 16th.

The former U.S. Open champion finished with a

After Spieth's 2014 victory, he went on in subsequent months to win the Masters and the U.S. Open, then missed the playoff at the British Open by a shot before finishing second to Jason Day at the PGA Championship.

"The best I ever hit if ... was actually the week after I played the Australian Open in 2014," Spieth said. "I hit the ball well here, played a fantastic final round and went on and took that victory into my best ball-striking week I've ever had as a golfer at Tiger's event in Orlando. And I hope to do the same here."

Jutanugarn wins LPGA player of the year, Hull wins finale

TIM REYNOLDS **AP Sports Writer**

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — Ariya Jutanugarn had a relaxing walk up the last fairway of the season, knowing that the LPGA's biggest yearend prizes were finally hers. The drama was left for everyone else.

Jutanugarn wrapped up her season by finishing fied for fourth Sunday at the CME Group Tour Championship, clinching the season-long Race to CME Globe points competition and its \$1 million bonus. She also won player of the year for the first time, meaning she supplanted Lydia Ko as both the Globe winner and the year's top player.

Ko would have been player of the year with a win Sunday. But she finished eight shots back of Charley Hull, who shot a final-round 66 and finished at 19 under for her first LPGA victory.

"I tried to fight it out until the end," said Ko, the world's No. 1 player, who wrapped Jutanugam in a big hug when their rounds were complete before heading off to sign dozens of autographs.

smiles after a tough day. She was also denied the Vare Trophy, after In Gee Chun rolled in a 10-footer on the final hole for a birdie that served as the final margin in the yearlong

scoring standings. Combined, Ko and Chun took more than 11,500 swings over 166 rounds — and the scoring title came down to one putt.

"I didn't know." said Chun. who needed to end her year with three consecutive birdies to pass Ko in the scoring race.

As the LPGA has wanted, there were tournaments within the tournament, with so many things decided in To her credit, Ko was all the season's final minutes. Player of the year was settled first, when it became evident that Ko - who needed a win and nothing less to take that title — was not going to catch Hull. The Race to CME Globe came



Ariya Jutanugarn of Thailand picks up the ball after finishing the third round of the LPGA CME Group Tour Championship at Tiburon Golf Club in Naples, Fla., Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016.

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next, with this being the first time in that award's threeyear history that it wouldn't go to Ko.The scoring title then came down to Ko's and Chun's final putts, and about a half-hour later, Hull finished off the week and the season by making her first win the tour championship. Hull finished two shots ahead of So Yeon Ryu, that margin coming after they had a two-shot swing at the 17th. Ryu's approach came to rest along a 3-foot face of a bunker, forcing her to play off to the side and wind up settling for bogey.



Sergey Kovalev, right, of Russia, throws a left at Andre Ward during a light heavyweight boxing match, Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016, in Las Vegas.

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Ward pulls off decision win over Kovalev for title

TIM DAHLBERG AP Boxing Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Sergey Kovalev kept coming, and Andre Ward never stopped battling. With the crowd roaring in approval, they put on a fight that lived up to its advance billing.

In the end, Ward won a narrow decision Saturday night to take Kovalev's light heavyweight titles in a battle between two unbeaten boxers.

Ward survived a secondround knockdown and relentless pressure from Kovalev, doing just enough to win by a point on all three ringside scorecards. He remained unbeaten in his last 20 years in the ring, but it wasn't without some moments of worry.

"This was a beautiful thing. We did it baby," Ward said, "I'm a five-time world champion in two different weight classes. Man, it's amazing."

All three ringside judges had Ward winning 114-113. The Associated Press had Kovalev ahead 116-111.

"If was a fight of my life," Kovalev said. "I am disappointed in the judges' decision. He got maybe a few rounds, I agree with that. I kept control. I lost maybe three rounds the whole fight."

Ward won all of the last six rounds on two scorecards, and five of six on a third. He won the final round on two of the scorecards.

Kovalev knocked down Ward in the second round and chased him around the ring much of the early part of the fight. But Ward dug deep and managed to land some good punches of his own in a fight that built to a climax in the later rounds.

The crowd of 13,310 at the T-Mobile Arena was on its feet in the late rounds as the two fighters went after each other, neither giving an inch. In the end,

counter punching against the aggressive style of Kovalev.

"We were a little careless knockdown that in the second round," said Ward's trainer, Virgil Hunter, "But we landed the cleaner punches"

Both fighters were unbeaten with almost identical records. Ward was 30-0 with 15 knockouts and Kovalev was 30-0-1 with 26 knockouts.

It was a classic boxer versus puncher battle, and it looked like the puncher would prevail as Kovalev won the early rounds. But Ward kept punching and landed some good shots of his own in the middle rounds, and there were plenty of close rounds that could have gone either

"I knew it was going to be a tough fight — it was the 1st time in my career I was dropped," Ward said. "He did everything I expected him to do. He started to fight like I expected."

Kovalev's promoter, Kathy Duva, said she would use the rematch clause in the contract for a second fight. "He won the first six rounds so I don't know how he could lose a decision," Duva said. "I'm happy we had a great fight. Boxing needed a great fight.

The fight was billed as a matchup of U.S. and fighters, Russian with the 2004 Olympic gold medalist Ward against a Russian who lives mostly in the Los Angeles area. It was a classic matchup of puncher versus boxer, and for the early part of winning.

Kovalev flashed his power early, hitting Ward with a left hand midway through the first round that briefly wobbled Ward's legs. Ward grabbed and held on and finished the round jabbing at the Russian, but the judges favored Ward's the tone of the fight was

set early.

Midway through second round, both fighters threw right hands but it was Kovalev's that landed flush to the side of Ward's head, putting him on the canvas. He got up quickly and smiles as if not hurt but needed all of his supreme defensive skills to make it out of the round.

Ward seemed unwilling to go inside after that, moving backward and trying to land jabs to control the action. But he abandoned the style that had served him so well over the years and fought moving backward, throwing only one punch at a time, as Kovaley constantly pressed the attack.

Ward did have some moments, including the seventh round when he landed a good left that snapped Kovalev's head back.

Ward earned \$5 million, while Kovalev was paid \$2 million plus a percentage of pay-per-view.

the undercard, two-time Olympic gold medalist Claressa Shields made her pro debut a successful one, winning a decision over Franchon Crews in a four-round super middleweight fight.

Shields came back from a slow first round to land the bigger punches in an entertaining fight. Both women, fighting without headgear for the first time, traded punches freely but Shields won all over four rounds on the scorecards of the three ringside judges. Shields, who became the first American woman the fight the puncher was to win a gold medal in the 2012 Olympics and added another in Rio in August, had vowed to be impressive in her first pro fight. And she wasn't shy about trading punches with Franchon, a Baltimore fighter who lost to her during the Olympic trials in 2012.

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Google disappointed by South Korean refusal on mapping data

YOUKYUNG LEE AP Technology Writer SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

South Korea rejected a request by Google to use local mapping data in the company's global maps service in a long-awaited ruling Friday that had divided the country for months. The company said it was disappointed by the decision, which the land ministry said was based on concerns over national security.

"We're disappointed by this decision. We've always taken security concerns very seriously and will continue to provide useful map services in compliance with Korea's current map data export regulation," Taj Meadows, a Google spokesperson, said in a statement.

The South Korean government said the risks outweighed benefits from exporting the country's mapping data to Google, a unit of Alphabet Inc.

South Korea, facing the

overt threat of rival North Korea, bars exporting local mapping data to foreign companies that do not operate domestic data servers.

Google, a unit of Alphabet Inc., handles its maps service at data centers outside South Korea. The restrictions have limited the usefulness of Google Maps within South Korea, since the app cannot offer driving or walking directions.

The government had proposed granting permission to Google to use local mapping data for Google Maps if the company would blur sensitive information on South Korean military facilities on its satellite map."Our position from the start was that if it deletes security facilities, we would allow exporting (the local mapping data)," said Kim Tong-il, an official at the land ministry, "Google's position is that it won't delete those. The question was whether we would allow that



Choe Byong-Nam, a director general of South Korea's National Geographic Information Institute, speaks after a meeting at the National Geographic Information Institute in Suwon, South Korea, Friday, Nov. 18, 2016.

Associated Press

regardless."South Korea has been divided over the issue since Google filed its request in June.

The government extended an August deadline to this month, highlighting disagreements between government ministries.

The long-time deliberation

reflects growing support for Google within some government ministries that are trying to promote tourism and local firms' overseas businesses.

One of the biggest inconveniences that foreign tourists run into in South Korea, which has some of the

fastest and cheapest internet access in the world, is the lack of an online mapping service with navigation and directions in foreign languages.

Some local businesses and consumers opposed giving Google full access to the local mapping data, saying it would be unfair to local companies that operate local data servers to support their map services. They said Google should build data centers in South Korea instead of seeking an exemption from the rules.

Google said earlier that restricting Google Maps in South Korea would be an inconvenience for foreigners visiting the host country of the PyeongChang Winter Olympics in 2018.

It also argued that restrictions on exporting the local mapping data could hinder efforts of companies to roll out global services using locations data and will deprive local consumers of cutting-edge services.

Former Reds catcher Johnny Bench launches anti-bullying app

CINCINNATI (AP) — Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Johnny Bench has launched a new cellphone app aimed at combatting bullying in schools nationwide.

The Cincinnati Reds catcher officially launched his "Smithfield School App" on Thursday at the Montgomery Inn Boathouse in downtown Cincinnati.

The app — named for its sponsor Smithfield Foods — allows teachers and administrators to no-

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tify parents of reports of bullying, cyberbullying, threats, school closings and other alerts.

Approximately 5,000 schools across the country are slated to use the app, which is free for users with schools paying a \$79 monthly hosting fee. Bench says he still remembers two boys who bullied him when he was in eighth grade more than 50 years ago. He says he wants to see every child protected as much as possible.



n this July 14, 2015 file photo, Johnny Bench is introduced as one of the Cincinnati Reds Franchise Four before the MLB All-Star baseball game, in Cincinnati.

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Bank regulator imposes tighter restrictions on Wells Fargo

MARTIN CRUTSINGER **AP Economics Writer** WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal banking regulator has imposed tighter restrictions on Wells Fargo &

Co., requiring the banking giant to get advance approval from regulators before making a wide range of business decisions.

The Office of the Comptrol-

ler of the Currency, which oversees national banks, announced the action in a statement late friday.

The OCC will require the bank to get prior approval before making changes in its board of directors and senior executive officers and also before making "golden parachute" payments to departing executives.

In a brief statement, the OCC did not offer any explanation of why it was altering the terms of the agreement it had negotiated with the bank in September. In that document, Wells Fargo agreed to pay \$185 million fine to settle charges involving unauthorized customer accounts.

In a statement concerning the new restrictions, Wells Fargo said it would comply with all requirements imposed by its regulators.

"This will not inhibit our ability to execute our strategy, rebuild trust and serve our customers, and continue to operate the company for the benefit of all our stakeholders," the bank said.

On Thursday, Wells Fargo



and demonstrate at a Wells Fargo Bank branch in Bismarck, N.D. North Dakota on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016.

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disclosed signs that customers are pulling back from doing business with the bank following the disclosures of the sales practices scandal in which bank employees opened up to 2 million bank and credit card accounts without customer authorization.

After the practices came to light, the San Francisco porting monthly customer traffic figures at its branches, something a bank typically would never share. The goal was to provide the public, and more importantly investors, a look into how Wells was being affected by the scandal. In its latest report, new customer account openings

from a year earlier, while account closures rose 3 percent from the previous year. The bank saw a 50 percent drop in credit card applications. Wells' own customer service metrics also plunged, with "customer loyalty" scores dropping to 52.3 percent, down more than 10 percent from a year earlier and from August, the company has been re- month right before the settlement was announced. The sales practices scandal led to the abrupt retirement this month of the bank's CEO, John Stumpf. The bank also faces several lawsuits, as well as criminal investigations by the Department of Justice and the California Attorney General's Office.

Analyst: Gas prices dip to U.S. average of \$2.20 per gallon

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) -- The average price of regular grade gasoline has fallen nationally to \$2.20 per gallon, a drop of 6 cents over the past two weeks.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg updated the figures Sunday, predicting that prices would continue inching down unless a meeting of oil-producing nations later this month culminates in "a credible agreement to freeze or reduce" production.

A seasonal weakness in demand was one reason behind the early-November decline. Lundberg cited another influence: With autumn maintenance projects wrapping up, U.S. refiners are increasing supplies.

Those factors combined to create the drop in average prices, despite a small rise in crude oil prices. Gas in San Diego was most expensive in the continental U.S., at \$2.73 on average. The low average was in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at \$1.78 per gallon.

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O'Hare workers who plan strike will announce date Monday

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CHICAGO (AP) — O'Hare International Airport workers who voted to strike soon will announce when they plan to take action.

Service Employees International Union Local 1 officials say they will announce the date of their strike at 10 a.m. Monday at the airport. About 500 workers committed to a strike after a vote Thursday. The workers involved have been trying to organize with the union's help. They work mainly for private contractors at the airport. The workers are seeking union rights and a \$15 per hour wage.

They include baggage handlers, cabin cleaners, janitors, and wheelchair attendants. SEIU Local 1 President Tom Balanoff says they don't expect to shut down the airport but will create a disruption. The strike comes during the busy Thanksgiving holiday travel week.

UK Treasury chief: Brexit uncertainty could drag on economy

JILL LAWLESS **Associated Press**

LONDON (AP) — Britain's economy could face a slowdown because of the uncertainty caused by the decision to leave the European Union, the government's finance minister said Sunday.

In an illustration of the conflicting forces at work, the Conservative government is facing pressure from dozens of its own lawmakers to make a decisive break with the EU, while a major business group insisted Sunday that Britain must retain access to the bloc's markets and skilled workforce.

"We're going to have an unprecedented level of uncertainty, and that's one of the factors causing many commentators to predict that there will be a slowing of economic growth," Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond said. Hammond, who will unveil the government's first major spending plans since June's EU membership referendum in a budget statement on Wednesday, told ITV television "there's no point crying over" the uncertainty.

"We just have to plan to accommodate it." he said. Prime Minister Theresa May's government has said it plans to trigger two years of formal exit talks with the EU leaders insist Britain will it would be foolish to give market if it seeks to impose away its negotiating posi- controls on immigration tion before then.

The uncertainty has helped fuel economic jitters and driven down the value of the pound, amid claims that the government is deeply divided about how to approach Britain's EU

This week the Institute for Government, a nonpartisan think tank, said "a lack of clarity" within government "has caused distractions and delayed work on Brexit." The EU has long been a divisive issue for the Conservatives, and May is being squeezed between politicians demanding she apply the brakes to Brexit and those who want her to hurry up and make a decisive split.

Some 60 Conservative lawmakers urged May on Saturday to take Britain out of the EU's customs union, which guarantees tariff-free trade within the bloc but imposes levies on goods from outside. They also want a guarantee Britain won't stay in the European Economic Area, which gives non-EU members such as Iceland and Norway access to the bloc's single market.

The legislators, who back what has become known as "hard Brexit." include former Cabinet ministers Michael Gove and lain Duncan Smith.

EU by March 31, but insists have to leave the single from EU nations — a red line for many supporters of Brexit.

"Business needs to know we won't close our borders to Europe's talent, or lose our privileged access to Europe's markets," said CBI president Paul Drechsler in comments released ahead of a speech on Monday.

"We're not asking for a running commentary, but we are looking for clarity and above all — a plan," he said. Hammond said he did not believe the LLK, faces a "binary choice" between leaving the EU's existing structures and staying in, but could "negotiate a bespoke arrangement that works for Britain and works for our European partners." He urged fellow Conservatives to calm down and let the prime minister lead the



In this Friday, Sept. 9, 2016 file photo, British Minister of Finance Philip Hammond prepares for a group photo, after the Eurogroup's deliberations at the Informal Meeting of Ministers for economic and financial affairs, in Bratislava, Slovakia.

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exit talks.

"I want to ensure that Theresa May goes into these negotiations with all the cards in her hand, with the

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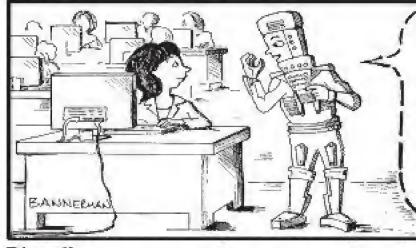
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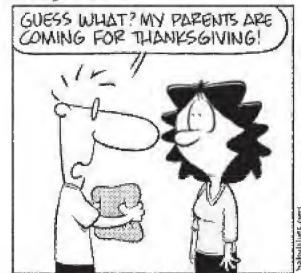
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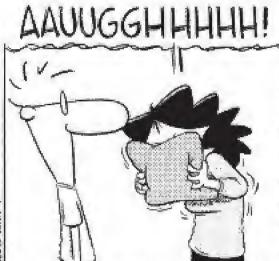






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Today's energy system could blow Paris climate goals

KARL RITTER. Associated Press

JAENSCHWALDE, Germany (AP) - Amid whiffs of chemicals and the electric hum of transformers, Kraftwerk Jaenschwalde rises like an ash-colored fortress over a landscape disfigured by decades of openpit coal mining.

The communist-era colossus in eastern Germany is one of Europe's dirtiest power plants, belching 24 million tons of climatewarming carbon dioxide into the air every year.

It could have been closed for good when former owner Vattenfall, a Swedish utility, decided to get rid of its coal assets in Germany to reduce its carbon footprint. But as local officials point out, the lignite industry employs thousands in this region and together with hard coal accounts for more than 40 percent of Germany's power production.

"This is the reason why you can't shut down a coal mine or power plant from one day to another," plant spokesman Thoralf Schirmer says. That the fight against climate change ran into that cold hard reality here in the heart of Europe — the world's climate leader - shows how challenging it's going to be to keep the global temperature rise "well below" 2 degrees Celsius, as agreed in last year's Paris emissions pact.A growing body of evidence suggests that the power plants, buildings, cars, trucks, ships and planes in use today are likely to emit enough CO2 over their lifetime for the world to miss that target. Coal plants alone could blow the carbon budget for 1.5 degrees C of warming, the lower threshold also mentioned in the agreement, unless they are shut down early.

"For 1.5 degrees we would have to start retiring things like crazy and we wouldn't be able to build anything new," says University of California, Irvine, scientist Steven Davis. "Two degrees is starting to look equally bleak."

That hasn't quite sunk in amid the fanfare surrounding the Paris Agreement, which entered into force with record pace.

Temperatures have already risen by about 1 degree C since the industrial revolution, when countries started burning fossil fuels for energy.

In 2010 Davis and others estimated that the world's existing energy infrastructure had locked in 496 billion tons of CO2 emissions if left to operate for their expected lifetime. By 2013, as hundreds of additional power plants had come online in Asia, the number rose to 729 billion tons.

"By my latest calculations, we're close to 800 billion tons now," Davis says.

That's roughly what's remaining of the so-called carbon budget for 2 degrees, according to recent estimates based on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's latest

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in this Friday, Oct. 28, 2016 photo cooling towers are pictured at the LEAG (Lusatian Energy Stock Company) lignite power plant in Jaenschwalde, eastern Germany.

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assessment.

That budget is significantly lower for 1.5 degrees. Joeri Rogeli of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis in Laxenburg, Austria, estimated that it's 150 billion tons or somewhat higher, while researchers at the Climate Interactive group said it's about 210 billion tons.

There is uncertainty sur-

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rounding the estimates partly because it's unclear exactly how sensitive the climate system is to increases in atmospheric CO2 levels.

Davis' research shows that, assuming an average lifespan of 40 years, the world's coal-fired power plants will emit 280 billion tons of CO2, exceeding the budget for

1.5 degrees

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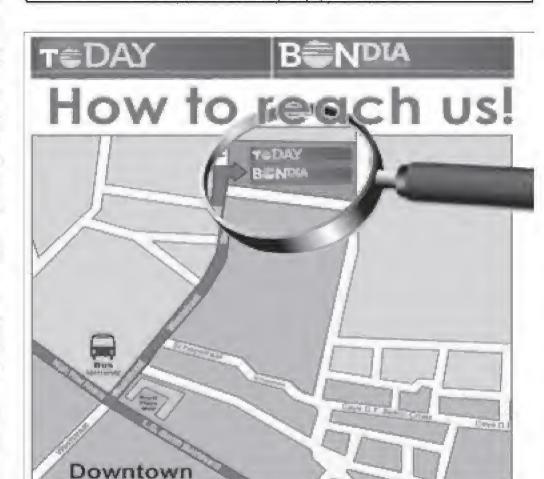
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Best weather satellite ever built rockets into space

MARCIA DUNN AP Aerospace Writer CAPE CANAVERAL (AP) — The most advanced weather satellite ever built rocketed into space Saturday night, part of an \$11 billion effort to revolutionize forecasting and save lives. This new GOES-R spacecraft will track U.S. weather as never before: hurricanes. tornadoes, flooding, volcanic ash clouds, wildfires, lightning storms, even solar flares. Indeed, about 50 TV meteorologists from around the country converged on the launch site - including NBC's Al Roker — along

"What's so exciting is that we're going to be getting more data, more often, much more detailed, higher resolution," Roker said. In the case of tornadoes, "if we can give people another 10, 15, 20 minutes, we're talking about lives being

workers and guests.

Think superhero speed and accuracy for forecasting. Super high-definition TV, versus black-and-white.



This photo provided by United Launch Alliance shows a United Launch Alliance (ULA) Atlas V rocket carrying GOES-R spacecraft for NASA and NOAA lifting off from Space Launch Complex-41 at 6:42 p.m. EST at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla., Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016.

Associated Press

above any satellite NOAA has ever flown," said Stephen Volz, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's director of for government officials resatellites.

"For the American public, that will mean faster, more accurate weather fore-

"Really a quantum leap casts and warnings," Volz said earlier in the week. "That also will mean more lives saved and better environmental intelligence" sponsible for hurricane and other evacuations.

Airline passengers also stand to benefit, as do rocket launch teams. Improved forecasting will help pilots avoid bad weather and help rocket scientists know when to call off a launch. NASA declared success 3 1/2 hours after liftoff, following separation from the upper stage.

high-tech satellites, GOES-R hitched a ride on an unmanned Atlas V rocket, delayed an hour by rocket and other problems. NOAA teamed up with NASA for the mission.

The satellite — valued by NOAA at \$1 billion — is aiming for a 22,300-mile-high equatorial orbit. There, it will join three aging spacecraft with 40-year-old technology, and become known as GOES-16. After months of testing, this newest satellite will take over for one of the older ones. The second satellite in the series will follow in 2018. All told, the series should stretch to 2036. The first in a series of four GOES stands for Geostationary Operational Enviwas launched in 1975. GOES-R's premier imager one of six science instruments - will offer three times as many channels as the existing system, four times the resolution and five times the scan speed, said NOAA program director Greg Mandt. A similar imager is also flying on a Japanese weather satellite. Typically, it will churn out full images of the Western Hemisphere every 15 minutes and the continental United States every five minutes. Specific storm regions will be updated every

30 seconds. Forecasters will get pictures "like they've never seen before," Mandt promised.

A first-of-its-kind lightning mapper, meanwhile, will take 500 snapshots a second. This next-generation GOES program - \$11 billion in all — includes four satellites, an extensive land system of satellite dishes and other equipment, and new methods for crunching the massive, nonstop stream of expected data. Hurricane Matthew, interestingly enough, delayed the launch by a couple weeks. As the hurricane bore down on Florida in early October, launch preps were put on hold. Matthew stayed far enough offshore to cause minimal damage to Cape Canaveral, despite some early forecasts that suggested a direct strike.







'Fantastic Beasts' spins magic, 'Billy Lynn's' tanks

LINDSEY BAHR AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Harry Potter spinoff "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" cast a spell over audiences in its debut. summoning \$75 million according to studio estimates Sunday and unseating "Doctor Strange" from the top spot.

and directed by Harry Potter alum David Yates. "Fantastic Beasts." a Warner Bros. release, cost around \$180 million to produce, and is meant to kick off a five film franchise based on author and screenwriter J.K. Rowling's creation.

It's been scoring well with critics and audiences, who gave the film an A CinemaScore. According to the studio, 55 percent of attendees were female and age of 25.

"It's a real crowd pleaser," said Jeff Goldstein, Warner Bros.' president of domestic distribution. He noted that the film performed especially well in small to medium-sized towns across North America, and not just in the major markets.

Paul Dergarabedian, a se- to do a bit better. nior media analyst for box The audience for the welloffice tracker comScore, reviewed film starring Hailattributes the solid turnout ee Steinfeld from first-time to the goodwill amassed director Kelly Fremon Craig by the Harry Potter films.

While "Fantastic Beasts" doesn't quite compare to the opening weekends of the "Harry Potter" films, which averaged over \$91 million in their debuts, Goldstein is hopeful for how it will play out over the Thanksgiving holiday when kids are out of school.

Indeed, it was a strong weekend for all-ages films overall in the lead-up to the holiday, with "Doctor Strange" placing second with \$17.7 million and "Trolls" close behind in third with \$17.5 million.

The sci-fi mindbender "Arrival" took fourth with \$11.8 million, while the themed comedy "Almost Christmas" rounded out the top

five with \$7 million.

The success of the top films this weekend didn't leave much room for other new wide releases to find their footing this weekend, how-

Ang Lee's ambitious wartime drama "Billy Lynn's Halftime Walk" Long tanked in its expansion from four to 1,176 theaters Starring Eddie Redmayne with a mere \$930,000. The film cost a reported \$40 million to produce and has netted only \$1.1 million total, hindered by negative reviews of its revolutionary high frame rate.

> Last year, Sony had a similarly inauspicious start for "The Walk," which was also touted as a must-see technological achievement.

Other more modestly budgeted films also struggled, including the R-rated high school comedy "The Edge 65 percent were over the of Seventeen," which earned \$4.8 million, and the fact-based boxing drama "Bleed for This," which took in \$2.4 million.

> While boxing pics outside of the "Rocky" films are generally a gamble, despite their abundance in the markelplace, "The Edge of Seventeen," was expected

> was 70 percent female and 75 percent between the ages of 17-34. The studio is hoping good word of mouth will drive further returns.

> In limited release, the drama "Manchester by the Sea," expected to be a big awards player, got off to a decent start with \$241,230 from four theaters.

It will be expanding in the coming weeks.

"I think there are almost too many options right now," Dergarabedian, noted who expects the five-day Thanksgiving frame to be a record-breaker thanks to new openers like Disney's "Moana" and audiences looking to catch up on things they've missed.



This image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment shows Eddle Redmayne in a scene from, "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them." **Associated Press**







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Big-voiced Dap-Kings soul singer Sharon Jones dies at 60

JAKE COYLE **Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — Sharon Jones, the stout powerhouse who shepherded a soul revival despite not finding stardom until middle age, has died. She was 60. Jones' representative, Judy Miller Silverman, said Jones died Friday at a Cooperstown, New York, hospital after battling pancreatic cancer. Loved ones and members of her retro-soul band, the Dap-Kings, were among those surrounding her, Silverman said. The story of Jones' battle with cancer, first diagnosed in 2013, was told in Barbara Kopple's documentary, "Miss Sharon Jones!" released earlier this year. Though she triumphantly returned to the stage in 2015 after the cancer went into remission. Jones late last year announced its return. Still, Jones mounted another comeback with the defiant single "I'm Still



In this March 19, 2010 file photo, Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings perform at the SPIN Party at Stubb's during the South by Southwest music festival in Austin, Texas.

Associated Press

Here" and hit the road again this summer with the Dap-Kings even while undergoing chemotherapy. "You got to be brave," a debilitated Jones told the Associated Press in July . in between tour stops. "I house on her breakthrough want to use the time that album, "Back to Black," I have. I don't want to said, "Sharon Jones had spend it all laid up, wishing I had done that gig." Jones' death was im-

mediately noted on social media and throughout the music industry. The British producer Mark Ronson, who brought the Dap-Kings in to play backing band to Amy Wineone of the most magnificent, gut-wrenching voices of anyone in recent time."

The youngest of six children, Sharon Lafaye Jones was born on May 4, 1956, in Augusta, Georgia. Her family lived in nearby North Augusta, South Carolina, across the Savannah River from the birthplace of James Brown. But for decades, such a fate was unimaginable. On "I'm Still Here," she sings of being turned down by music executives for be-"too short, too fat, too black and too old." After growing up in Brooklyn (her mother moved to escape an abusive husband), Jones regularly sang gospel at her church, performed for years in a wedding band and sang back-up for various session bands. To make ends meet, she worked as a corrections officer at the Rikers Island jail complex and was a bank securify guard. But in one recording session, she caught the attention of Gabriel Roth and

Philip Lehman. The two, blown away by Jones' fiery voice, made her the lead singer of their newly formed Dap-Kings and launched the Bushwick, Brooklyn-based label. Daptone Records, around her unlikely star power. They debuted with 2002's "Dap-Dippin' With Sharon Jones and The Dap-Kings," released when Jones was 46. Three more albums followed in the ensuing decade, two compilations. and Standouts included a soulful rendition of Woody Guthrie's "This Land Is Your Land" and the single "100 Days, 100 Nights," in which she belts: "100 days, 100 nights to know a man's heart/ And a little more, before, he knows his own." The sound, backed by walls of homs and tightly guided by bandleader Roth, was propelled by Jones' grit and ferocity.



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Lady Gaga, Bruno Mars, Sting set for American Music Awards

MESFIN FEKADU AP Music Writer

With new albums to promote, the timing is perfect for Sunday's American Music Awards, where performers include top pop stars such as Lady Gaga, Bruno Mars and The Weeknd.

Mars released his new album, "24K Magic," on Friday, and a day after Thanksgiving, the Weeknd will drop "Starboy." Gaga released "Joanne" last month.

Other big-named acts who recently released albums will also perform at the fanvoted show at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles, including Green Day, Shawn Mendes, The Chainsmokers and Sting, who will also receive the American Music Award of Merit.

John Legend, who will release a new album on Dec. 2, will perform, as will One Direction's Niall Horan and Maroon 5, who recently dropped new singles.

Kendrick Lamar will join na, Ariana Grande, Selena

onstage.

It wasn't clear if Drake, who is the leading nominee. would attend the show, air-Eastern.

The Grammy-winning rapper broke Michael Jackson's record for most AMA nominations after scoring 13 nominations, Drake. however, hasn't attended many awards shows in the last few years even when he leads in nominations.

The "Hotline Bling" performer will compete with himself in three categories: collaboration of the year ("One Dance" with Kyla and Wizkid, "Work" with Rihanna), favorite album - rap/ hip-hop ("Views," "What a Time to Be Alive" with Future) and favorite song soul/R&B ("One Dance," "Work").

Drake is not up for the top prize — artist of the year where the nominees include Justin Bieber, Rihan-

Adam Levine and friends Gomez and Carrie Underwood. Artist of the year originally included 10 nominees, among them Drake, Beyoncé and Adele, but ing live on ABC at 8 p.m. it was later whittled to five acts by fan voting.

Rihanna, Adele, Bieber and Beyoncé also scored multiple nominations. Prince, who died earlier this year, earned a nomination for top soundtrack with "Purple Rain."

The 1984 album, which gained new attention after his death in April, will compete with "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" and "Suicide Squad: The Album."

Presenters include Taraji P. Henson, Robert Downey Jr., Zoe Saldana and Heidi Klum, while former "Saturday Night Live" comic Jay Pharaoh and model Giai Hadid will host the show.

Hadid, who hosted Canada's iHeartRadio Much Music Awards in June, joked about changing multiple times during the live show. hundred "Three outfit



In this Nov. 6, 2016 file photo, Bruno Mars performs during the MTV European Music Awards 2016, in Rotterdam, Netherlands, **Associated Press**

changes. We're really excited. No. I'm kidding. We'll see. You know what, J. Lo did 10," Hadid, 21, said of last year's host, Jennifer Lopez.

"I did five at my last award show, so maybe somewhere in between there." Hadid is dating former One Direction member Zayn, who is nominated for new artist of the year thanks to the success of his solo album, "Mind of Mine." Other performers Sunday night include twenty one

pilots, Fifth Harmony, James Bay and Bieber, who will perform from his world tour in Zurich, Switzerland, Nicki Minaj will perform twice alongside Grande and then with DJ Khaled, Future, Rick Ross and August Alsina.

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